BRINGING CONGRESS UNDER CONTROL

The United States is hit by the most severe Constitutional crisis in its history. A President, overwhelmingly repudiated by American public opinion, resists all efforts at being dislodged from the White House. Today, the majority of the people is convinced that a political crook occupies the highest office of the land.

The respect of the people for Congress is not much better, possibly worse, if the polls were correct. The people feel helpless, and voting participation is at its lowest ebb.

The situation would not be so desperate had we a vigorous Congress asserting itself against a politically and morally bankrupt executive. Unfortunately, Congress has gained a record of shunning its constitutional responsibilities. It allowed the President to get away with one violation of the Constitution after another. Congress was silent while the "law-and-order" President was involved up to his ears in criminal and illegal activities: bugging, burglary, postal surveillance, forging of documents, political espionage, "dirty tricks" to splinter the opposition party, the use of black-mail and veiled threats to extort huge contributions from corporations, and almost daily obstruction of justice. In addition, there was Nixon's financial wheeling and dealing, taking huge "loans" from his millionaire friends, taking taxpayers' money to improve his baronial properties, and his penchant for the systematic evasion of tax payments.